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Symphony season to begin Oct. 9

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Let there be music.
 The Big Spring Symphony kicks off its new season with a musical event in the ballroom of the Settles Hotel Oct. 9.

The event, called "Come to the Masquerade," begins with a reception at 6 p.m. Following dinner, the Big Spring Junior High School Choir, directed by Tara Trowbridge, will perform along with the Howard College Jazz Band directed by Dan Kiley.

Rounding out the entertainment will be Big Spring High School's Rhapsody Chorus under the direction of Gershom Garcia.

Tickets are \$25. Season tickets will be for sale and donations will be accepted. For more information on the kickoff, contact Joan Beil at 432-267-8514.

The 2014-2015 symphony season is titled, "Seasonal Shades of the Symphony." Music Director and Conductor Dr. Keith Graumann has designed a program he says has something for everyone.

The first concert, set for Oct. 11, celebrates Halloween with scary classical music favorites "Night on Bald Mountain," "Danse Macabre" and "Symphnoie Fantastique." Because of the remodeling in the municipal auditorium, the concert will be in Garrett Hall of United Methodist Church.

The second concert, "A Symphonic Holiday," is set for Dec. 13 at Trinity Baptist Church and features a variety of holiday music. Entertainers include Soprano Joyce Bradley, Tenor Lawrence Thibeault, Sandra Wallace and the

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Howard County Fair Queen Kellie Smoot holds a gift basket donated by Yellow Rose Animal Rescue for grand champion pet contest winner Sadona while her owner Laura Wofford holds her leash. The contest was held Saturday at the Howard County Fair.

Gasoline prices up slightly nationwide

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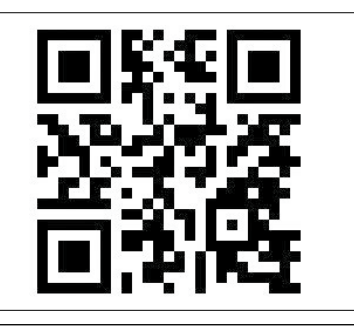
Average retail gasoline prices in Texas have risen 2.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.1 a gallon Sunday, according to

GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 gas outlets in Texas.

This compares with the national average that has increased 1.2 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.34 a gallon, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.

com.

Including the change in gas prices in Texas during the past week, prices Sunday were 3.5 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 6.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.



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Police: Forensic evidence links 2 cases

By **LARRY O'DELL**

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — They both were walking alone, separated from their friends late at night on or near the University of Virginia campus. One was found dead nearly five years ago. The other is still missing.

And now police believe they have found a link between the 2009 slaying of Morgan Harrington and the Sept. 13 disappearance of Hannah Graham: Forensic evidence found in the arrest of a hospital worker and former taxi driver who fled the state when he learned police wanted to question him about the Graham case.

Jesse L. Matthew Jr., 32, was arrested on a beach near Galveston, Texas, last week and was brought back to Virginia to face a charge of abduction with intent to defile — or sexually molest — the 18-year-old sophomore from northern Virginia. If convicted, he could face up to life in prison. His bond hearing is

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set for Thursday.

Virginia State Police said Monday that Matthew's arrest provided a new forensic link for investigators to pursue in the Harrington investigation. In a written statement, they called it a "significant break" but did not elaborate on the precise nature of the evidence and said they would make no further comment. Charlottesville police and Matthew's attorney, James Camblos, did not return messages.

Harrington's mother, Gil Harrington, issued an appeal to Matthew on Tuesday during an appearance on NBC's "Today" show.

"I would like to appeal to him to please give the family information where Hannah

is. We need to find Hannah," she said.

She said police have not given her family any information that has not been publicly released.

Since their daughter was slain, Dan Harrington said the couple has worked to prevent crimes against young women by promoting personal safety.

"It is sad and we're sad that this has happened," he said, referring to Graham's disappearance.

He said Graham's case might help prevent future occurrences in Virginia.

The latest development may also help solve a 2005 sexual assault of a 26-year-old woman in Fairfax City,

since the FBI previously said DNA from Harrington's attacker matched that of the person who committed the sexual assault. On Monday, police spokeswoman Natalie Hinesley said that in order to maintain the integrity of their investigation, they are not going to comment on whether the developments in the Graham and Harrington cases affect their case.

Leading up to Matthew's arrest, police had searched his car and home and removed items, including clothing, they consider evidence. The items were sent to the state crime lab for testing, but Charlottesville police have not divulged any results.

Harrington, a 20-year-old Virginia Tech student from Roanoke, attended a Metallica concert at John Paul Jones Arena on the Charlottesville campus on Oct. 17, 2009. She left during the concert and vanished. A farmer found her remains three months later

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Obituaries

Verna Mae Ashford



Verna Mae Ashford of Big Spring, Texas went home to be with the Lord Friday, Sept. 19, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at the age of 81 years old. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial following at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Verna was born Aug. 21, 1933, in Marlin, Texas to Benjamin Smith and Millie Mae Bennett but was raised by her grandmother, Haggi Bennett. Verna grew up and attended school to the 11th grade in Marlin. Verna moved to Big Spring in 1957 with her oldest son, Michael Ted Smith, who was three years old at the time. She worked at The Tea Room for several years as a waitress. She then left The

Tea Room, going to work for the Big Spring State Hospital, where she worked for 26 years before retiring. She married the Rev. John Henry Ashford on Oct. 13, 1976. Verna was a member at Mount Bethel Baptist Church. She was active in the missionaries group.

Survivors include one son, Michael Ted Smith of Everett, Wash.; three daughters, Sandra Tuitt, Tris Clemons and Dawn Ashford, all of Big Spring; one brother, Alvin Ray Tate of Houston; one sister, Janice Hunter of Dallas, Texas; eight grandchildren, Conrad Smith, Shrita Perez, Cyceley Hawkins, Bridgette Tuitt, Kia Olivetti, Taviance Clemons, Terrance Clemons and Tyrone Clemons; and nine great-grandchildren.

Verna was preceded in death by two sisters, Pearl Fisher and Tommie Bovan; and one brother, Charles Tate.

Those serving as pallbearers will be Taviance Clemons, Terrance Clemons, Tyrone Clemons, Joey Perez, Zamar Linton and Robert "Rob" Seamter.

Paid obituary

Paul Rolla Patrick



Paul Rolla Patrick, 16, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014 from 7-9 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014 at 11 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Paul was born Dec. 17, 1997, in Midland, Texas to Russell and Trini Patrick. He played soccer for six years, earned a black belt in taekwondo and was in Boy Scouts growing up. Paul was in the marching band at Midland High School, where he played the saxophone and was a platoon leader. He enjoyed fishing, hunting with his grandpa, playing video games, collecting coins, watching the History Channel and most of all being with his family and friends. He was very humble, reserved, but also had a witty personality. After graduating from Midland High School Paul wanted to go to U.T. and be a pharmacist like his dad.

He is survived by his parents, Russell Allen Patrick Jr. and Trini Gaitan Patrick; big sister, Gloria Amelia Patrick; paternal grandmother, Nancy Lemons Patrick; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustin V. Gaitan Sr.; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The family would like donations to be made in Paul's name to the Midland High School Marching Band, 906 W. Illinois Ave, Midland, TX 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Paid obituary

Helen Hollis Croft

Helen Hollis Croft, postmaster retired, passed away Sept. 25, 2014, at the age of 85. Born Sept. 9, 1929, in Duffau, Texas, Helen spent much of her childhood growing up in the Hico area with her family. Helen and her mother moved to Grand Prairie during her high school years and she graduated from Grand Prairie High School. Helen met John Croft while both were attending Tarleton College and were married on Sept. 4, 1948. John and Helen were longtime residents of the Proctor Community in Comanche County.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, John E. Croft; parents, S.T. and Maye Hollis; brother, Hector Hugh Hollis; and sister, Mayo Hollis Hobbs.

She is survived by her brother S. T. (Jack) Hollis of Sherman; son, Ritchie Croft (Judi) of Dallas; daughter, Vickie Croft Cate (Warren) of Proctor; daughter, Hollis Croft McCright (Joe) of Big Spring; daughter, Sarah Croft of San Antonio; and son, Carl Croft (Lara) of Dallas. She is also survived by five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; nieces Judy Lightfoot (Keith) of Sherman and Barbara Hobbs Block (Mike) of Little Rock; and many, many dear friends associated the Comanche and Proctor community area; Comanche United Methodist Church; National Association of U.S. Postmasters; Texas Library Association, and her cat, Gus.

Helen Hollis Croft was an avid supporter of the Comanche Public Library, held numerous key leadership positions on the Comanche Library Board and was instrumental in forming the Comanche Public Library Foundation. Helen volunteered for more than 25 years and served on the Big Country Library Council. Her wise leadership, encouragement, and practical approach to its business affairs were well known and admired throughout the Texas Library System.

Helen also worked actively within the Texas Library Association, serving as chair of the Friends and Trustees Round Table and the Awards Committee. In 1997, TLA honored her with the prestigious Outstanding Services to Libraries Award. In 2002, TLA celebrated 100 years of existence by recognizing 100 individuals who shaped the future of library services in the State of Texas. Helen Croft was named one of the 100 Library Champions of Texas, along with other noted champion honorees such as, Laura Welch Bush, Former First Lady, and posthumously, Bob Bullock, former Lt. Governor, J. Frank Dobie, Texas author, and Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President of the United States.

Helen Croft was appointed Postmaster of Proctor, Texas in March 1954, during the administration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. She served the

United States Postal Service in the Proctor and Lipan communities as postmaster for 35 years, retiring in 1989. Additionally, Helen served as Officer in Charge on many occasions and trained numerous newly appointed postmasters, as requested by her Regional Level Superiors.

Helen was an active member of the National Association of United States Postmasters during her employment and as a retiree. She served the NAPUS in many key leadership positions at the state and national levels. In six years, while serving as Chair of the Texas NAPUS Political Action Committee and with the help of her fellow Texas Postmasters, she raised more funds than any of the other 49 states and US Territories. Helen received the Bronze Eagle Award for doing so in each of those six years. Helen also served as National NAPUS PAC Co-Chair. In 1998, she received the National NAPUS Member of the Year and in 2001 was honored with the NAPUS Lifetime Achievement Award.

Helen was many things to many people ... a devoted wife to John for 54 years, a loving mother to her children, Granny to her grandchildren, GG to great-grandchildren, and Poochie to her extended Hollis family. She was known as Mama Helen to her NAPUS friends and many other "children" collected along her life's way. She was a servant extraordinaire to God and her church. Helen brought joy, love, humor, and fun to every occasion whether it was helping Dad on the farm, raising five children to be successful and honorable citizens, giving the great and grandchildren "funny money" on their special occasions, traveling with her best friends to places like Alaska, South America, New Zealand, Australia, the Caribbean, and the Italian Riviera, attending NAPUS State and National Conventions, working the Congressional Hill on behalf of her fellow postmasters, lobbying the Texas Legislature to provide more service and support to local libraries and slipping off to sit and care for those who had no family left.

There was enough room in Mother's heart to hold all of us and we all know she loved us dearly and unconditionally.

The Croft family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3, 2014, at the Comanche Funeral Home located in Comanche, Texas. Services will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 10 a.m., at the Comanche First United Methodist Church, followed by interment at the Proctor Community Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the Family asks that you honor her memory through donations to your local public library, the Comanche First United Methodist Church, The Arthritis Foundation, or The Alzheimer's Association.

Paid obituary

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

- TOBY JOHNSON, 18, of 417 Pasadera Lane Apt. 5401, Round Rock, Texas, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- ELIAS BUSTAMANTE III, of 1007 NW 1st Street, was arrested on a warrant for duty on striking unattended vehicle, less than \$200.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of Young Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of Gail Highway.
- THEFT was reported in the 800 block of N. Benton, and in the area of Virginia St. and 11th Place.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1500 block of State Park Drive and the 1900 block of N. Monticello St.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.
- TOBY JASON JOHNSON, 18, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- ELIAS BUSTAMANTE, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for duty on striking unattended vehicle.

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Glenn Joe Riley Sr.

Glenn Joe Riley Sr., 73, of Garden City, died Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014, at his residence. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014, at the Garden City Cemetery, Garden City.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com

Junior Hinojos

Junior Hinojos, 58, of Coahoma died Thursday Sept. 25, 2014 at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Take note

• The Chalet Resale Shop, located at 115 East 2nd Street, will be temporarily closed from Sept. 29 – Oct. 13 for renovations. Donations can still be dropped off at the store from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday - Saturday, but the store will be closed for shopping.

• United Way Dine Out Days sponsor for the week of Sept. 28 through Oct. 4 is Cowboy's Steakhouse. Cowboy's is located at 404 E. Marcy. Dine Out Day sponsors provide a portion of their profits for the week, to the United Way campaign..

• The Howard County Humane Society and Sierra Animal Clinic will host a vaccine clinic Oct. 4, from 8 a.m. to noon as a fund-raiser for the United Way. The clinic will be held at the Humane Society, 5710 IH 20 West. Prices are as follows, dogs shots for Parvo, Distemper are a \$10 donation; Rabies, \$5; for cats, Rabies, \$5; for indoor cats, fvrpc, \$10, and for outdoor cats, felv/fvrpc \$15; and. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers.

• The annual Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 47 Forget-Me-Not Drive will be held Oct. 10-11, at Walmart. Money contributed to the annual fund-raiser stays in the area to help local military veterans.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Thursday each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

• Signal Mountain Quilters and Crafters Guild will give away an all inclusive cancer quilt on Oct. 28 at 1 p.m. The quilt measures 9 feet, 7 inches long

and 9 feet, 5 inches wide. The event will be hosted by the Heritage Museum and tickets are \$1. All proceeds from tickets sold will go to "Gift of Hope." The quilt will be on display at the museum Oct. 1-28. Cancer squares are being accepted to make into comfort/lap quilts, quilts you make, crochet and knitted afghans. The blankets and quilts will be placed under the Guild Christmas Tree at the Heritage Museum during the Tree of Lights. The quilts and afghans will be donated to the chemotherapy patients at the Allison Cancer Center. For more information, call Jeanne at 556-6403.

• Friends of the Library of Howard County requests donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Oct. 17-19. If you have books you wish to donate to this worthwhile cause, take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please, no National Geographic magazines, other magazines, or condensed books.

• The Cross Roads Young Marines are taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• Crossroads Hospice is looking for volunteers. Come and be part of our team. Contact Eva at 432-263-5300.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped accessible. The cost is \$8 per person.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. "Please ac-

cept our invitation to attend a meeting." For more information, including meeting times and dates, call 432-267-4843.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. For more information, call 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. For more information, call 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.

BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

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Verna Mae Ashford died Friday. The family will receive friends today from 6 to 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial following at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jr. Hinojos died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

MUSIC

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Coahoma Choir Kids and the Big Spring High School singers directed by Garcia.

The symphony returns Feb. 7, 2015, with "Winter Love with the Symphony," featuring the orchestra directed by Maestro John Giordano. It will be in the First Baptist Church. The program includes mu-

sic from Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet" and other romantic offerings to help celebrate Valentine's Day.

The final event for the season, "Spring with the Eagles," will be March 14 and features

the music of the Eagles, performed by Jeans 'N Classics. It'll be in the Big Spring High School Auditorium.

Season tickets are \$60 for adults and \$45 for senior citizens. Single admission tickets are

\$20 for adults and \$1 for seniors. All students through college age will be admitted free. An adult must accompany students under 15.

All concerts start at 7:30 p.m.

CASES

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in an Albemarle County hayfield, which was among the places searched shortly after Graham disappeared, police have said. At the time, Matthew had a license to drive a taxi, according to the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

Graham disappeared after meeting friends for dinner and attending two off-campus parties. She left the last one alone and was captured on video surveillance walking or running past a pub, a service station and onto Charlottesville's Downtown Mall, where police say witnesses reported seeing her with Matthew at a bar. Graham had sent friends several text messages, including one

saying she was lost.

Clint Van Zandt, a former FBI profiler, said he was struck by the similarities between the two disappearances. He said both women were separated from their friends in areas they apparently did not know well, and perhaps were offered assistance by a predator.

"Their looking for help was turned against them," he said.

He also said he was not surprised by the new evidence.

"Since this most recent victim disappeared, I said time and again that if they could find out who was responsible there was a good chance the same person would be responsible for Morgan Harrington and a number of others," he said.

He said he was "not trying to indict the guy" but added that po-

lice likely will investigate Matthew for other crimes against women, including the 2005 sexual assault. At least two other women from the Charlottesville area are missing. Police previously said they had no reason to link those cases to Graham's disappearance.

Matthew was a defensive lineman on the Liberty University football team from 2000 to 2002. He was accused of raping a student on campus, but the charge was dropped when the per-

son declined to move forward with prosecution, Lynchburg Commonwealth's Attorney Michael Doucette said Friday.

Matthew, who was returned from Texas late Friday, is being held without bond at the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail. He is scheduled to appear via a video link for a bond hearing in Charlottesville General District Court on Thursday.

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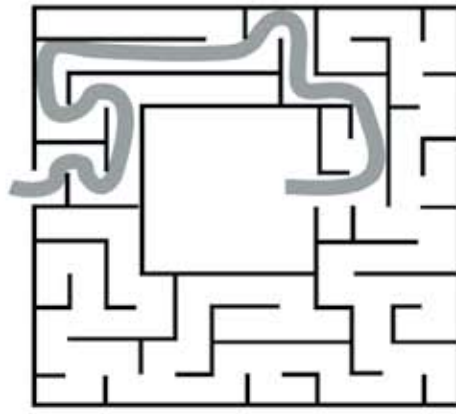
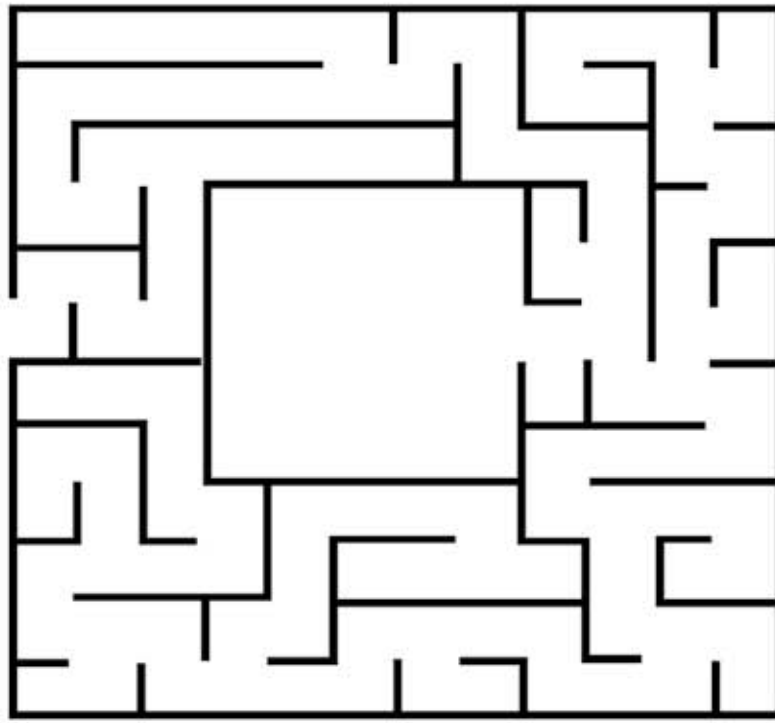
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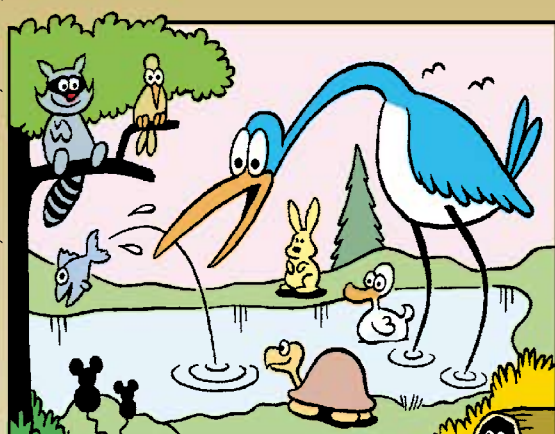
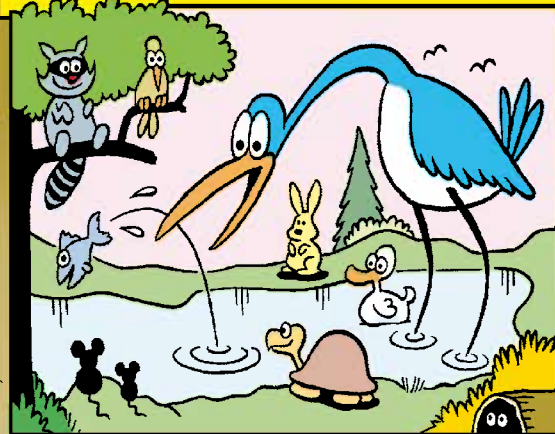
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Solution -- Dirty Dog is wearing an antler costume. When he chose a disguise, he didn't consider that antlers do not have teeth.

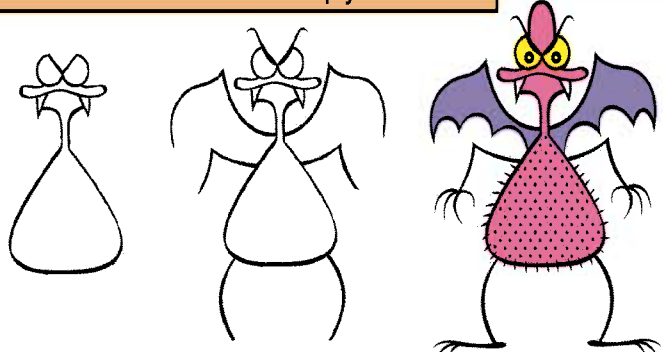
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Big Poop: Swainson's Hawk and a wild goose chase

What served as a road finally led the service crew to the windmill and water tank on Lone Wolf Ranch. Climbing the tower's ladder, and checking/lubricating all moveable parts, were routine. Assuming that wind-blown debris and dirt, along with stagnant water from recent rains, would be at the bottom of the concrete vessel, the men were well aware of the work involved. With a diameter of 18 feet, the holding tank enclosed a significant amount of water within its seven to eight feet walls.



BEBE McCASLAND

Peering over the top, one of the men was startled by the sight of two large hawks. In the green, slimy water, one bird floated with outstretched wings while the other stood glaring back at this intrusion.

In alerting the game warden, one of the men was told that although he was not available or in the vicinity, the officer would call local, wild bird rehabbers. Directions on how to get to the ranch were soon being given over a cell phone to our San Angelo contact, Diane Tracy.

Static and garbled sounds intermittently interrupted the caller's efforts and her reception. After repeating the cell number, trying to finalize right and left turns, and having it confirmed, Diane had accepted another adventure.

After a recap of the story, and the plight of the hawks, her husband, Dale, said, "We'd better take the truck." Loading two ladders, pole nets, carriers, and gloves,

they started the drive to the ranch.

Leaving the comfort of a paved road, the twosome started down a dirt road that seemed to get rougher with every turn. Finally, they were driving in ruts that narrowed and became indistinct.

It didn't take long before they realized a bad cell connection, and difficulty in her hearing the caller, had led them to the wrong part of the ranch. Having passed a gas station before becoming lost, they backtracked to ask for the use of their phone.

After learning of their endeavor to rescue the hawks, the attendant willingly obliged, if it were local.

Upon hearing the ranch name, Diane was allowed this convenience.

The crewman readily admitted that at times, they were "out of range." Agreeing to meet them, he escorted them to the windmill and tank. From the men, she and Dale learned that one of the hawks had been able to fly out of the tank and away. Only one remained.

When Diane and Dale looked inside, he estimated the hawk was about six feet from the top, and in six to eight inches of water. With the pole net slowly lowered toward the hawk, Diane was able to catch it on her first try. "Sure was glad I didn't have to climb down into that junk!"

Once home, and since the hawk smelled "like a sewer," she gave it a bath in Blue Dawn. After drying its feathers as much as possible, she placed it in Dale's workshop that offered a welcome August temperature of 90 degrees.

With its feathers totally disarrayed, the hawk was too exhausted to stand. Due to the warmth and comfort of a quiet place to rest, it quickly



Courtesy photo

Dark brown above, with a creamy chest and belly, the light adult Swainson's hawk has white above its beak and on its neck. Its most distinguishing mark is its reddish brown bib.

fell asleep.

Throughout the next day the hawk refused to eat on its own. Knowing it needed fuel to hasten its recovery, Diane dropped by to see it often and poked baby mice in its mouth. Soon it was readily swallowing food from this form of curb service.

With her first call, she had described the raptor's coloration as dark above, creamy below. Adding white over the beak and on the neck, and a pronounced dark reddish brown bib, she knew she had the classic signature of a light adult Swainson's hawk.

Five days later, Diane called to say the raptor was "beginning to act like a hawk." This prompted our meeting in Sterling City for a transfer.

Managing to wiggle loose in our double garage, the hawk did not elevate more than two and a half feet.

Only at the wildlife center in Lubbock could its flight ability be tested.

Gail Barnes examined each wing as she listened to its story. Thinking it was a healthy bird, and only temporarily indisposed, she wanted to challenge it with other Swainson's hawks in the flight cage.

When released inside the long facility, the raptor flapped its wings slowly and methodically, and rose to an elevated perch. At that moment, Art and I knew why it couldn't get out of the tank.

The hawk had required more than 18 feet to ascend gradually. Its companion in the tank must have had the strength and agility to jump forward and upward enough to allow its wings to beat without its flight feathers getting coated in the murky water.

For an unknown time, this hawk had tried to do the

same. Apparently, more and more debris and gunk had weighed upon its feathers as it had continued to struggle.

"Take it back and release it," she advised. Turning to another Swainson's, she added, "Take this one, too. It's ready."

After a call to Diane about our return with her hawk and a guest, we agreed to meet in Sterling City. By the time we reached Big Spring, she had made arrangements with game warden, Chris Fry, to meet at the courthouse in Eldorado. Having helped her with a previous release, he would escort the Tracys again to a nearby ranch.

When she opened the container, her hawk would not come out. Finally, it ventured forth, looked at her, turned, and flew until out of site. At the wildlife center for a week, the other hawk was also hesitant to leave. As it stood looking at her, she calmly said, "You can go now!"

Flying to the top of a mesquite, it was still getting its bearings when the game warden and Tracys left. Later she would learn that Gail had not been able to find anything wrong with the second Swainson's, but had allowed it the time to recover in case it had eaten something that didn't agree with it.

What had started out as a seemingly "wild goose chase" at a ranch had evolved into the hawk's "hoodwinking" us as pitiful and forlorn as it refused to eat on its own. In its return to nature, it had proven that even a "shaggy dog story" often turns out well.

Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop from Bird Poop." She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Wildlife populations plummet for 3,000 species

BY JOHN HEILPRIN

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — About 3,000 species of wildlife around the world have seen their numbers plummet far worse than previously thought, according to a new study by one of the world's biggest environmental groups.

The study Tuesday from the Swiss-based WWF largely blamed human threats to nature for a 52 percent decline in wildlife populations between 1970 and 2010.

It says improved methods of measuring populations of fish, birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles explain the huge difference from the 28-percent decline between 1970 and 2008 that the group reported in 2012.

Most of the new losses were found in tropical regions, particularly Latin America.

WWF describes the study it has carried out every two years since 1998 as a barometer of the state of the planet.

"There is no room for complacency," said WWF International Director General Marco Lambertini, calling for a greater focus on sustainable solutions

to the impact people are inflicting on nature, particularly through the release of greenhouse gases.

The latest "Living Planet" study analyzed data from about 10,000 populations of 3,038 vertebrate species from a database maintained by the Zoological Society of London. It is meant to provide a representative sampling of the overall wildlife population in the world, said WWF's Richard McLellan, editor-in-chief of the study.

It reflects populations since 1970, the first year the London-based society had comprehensive data. Each study is based on data from at least four years earlier.

Much of the world's wildlife has disappeared in what have been called five mass extinctions, which were often associated with giant meteor strikes. About 90 percent of the world's species were wiped out around 252 million years ago. One such extinction about 66 million years ago killed off the dino-

saur and three out of four species on Earth.

In the new WWF study, hunting and fishing along with continued losses and deterioration of natural habitats are identified as the chief threats to wildlife populations around the world. Other primary factors are global warming, invasive species, pollution and disease.

"This damage is not inevitable but a consequence of the way we choose to live," said Ken Norris, science director at the London society. "There is still hope. Protecting nature needs focused conservation action, political will and support from industry."

Sudoku Answer on Page 3

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

2		1	9					4
			5	1			8	
4					8			
7							3	4
3		4				5		8
8	2							1
			6					9
		7		9	2			
	9			3	2			6

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Heads I Win, Tails You Lose

North dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K 7
 ♥ 7 4
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ A Q J 9 8 7 4

WEST
 ♠ A 9 8 6 4
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ J 10 4
 ♣ K 6 2

EAST
 ♠ 5 2
 ♥ A 9 8 6 3 2
 ♦ Q 9 8 2
 ♣ 10

SOUTH
 ♠ Q J 10 3
 ♥ Q J 10
 ♦ K 7 6 5
 ♣ 5 3

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 3 ♣ Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

It is surely right to formulate a plan at the start of play, but one should always stand ready to adjust that plan as new circumstances develop.

Consider this deal where South won the opening diamond lead with the king and led a club at trick two, successfully finessing the jack. Then, imbued with the notion that dummy's clubs were his primary source of tricks, and lacking an entry

to his hand to repeat the finesse, South continued with the ace, hoping the king would fall.

When the king did not appear, South played a third round of clubs to establish the suit. West won and led a diamond to dummy's ace, and the contract went down one. Declarer finished with six clubs and two diamonds, while the defenders scored two aces, two diamonds and a club.

South would have fared better had he not put all his hopes on West's holding the K-x of clubs and focused more on the possibility of West's holding the K-x-x. South could have covered both possibilities by playing dummy's king of spades at trick three, abandoning clubs temporarily. Had he done that, he would have finished with at least nine tricks.

If West took the ace of spades and returned a diamond, South could make 12 tricks by cashing his spades and repeating the club finesse. If West did not take the first spade, South would revert to clubs to finish with nine tricks.

While it is granted that the king-of-spades play at trick three is not easy to think of — considering the magnetic attraction of dummy's clubs there can be no denying that it is the right play. It has everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Tomorrow: Sylvia.
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Rangers 1st offseason priority is hiring manager

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers general manager Jon Daniels never intended to have a managerial search on his to-do list after a lost season.

That instead became the top priority, something to get done even before looking for a starting pitcher in free agency or finding another bat for the middle of the lineup.

For the first time in five seasons, the Rangers played only 162 games, with not even a wild-card tiebreaker like last season. For the third year in a row, there was a champagne celebration in the other clubhouse at their ballpark as another team clinched a postseason berth.

But the club that went to back-to-back World Series in 2010 and '11 had known since mid-summer that there would be no extra games. The plan was for Ron Washington to return in 2015 for his ninth season in Texas until his sudden resignation Sept. 5 for personal reasons — not because of the results of a miserable season that ended Sunday with the 95th loss, the most since 1985.

There is a strong candidate in Tim Bogar, the first-year Rangers bench coach who as interim manager went 14-8.

Daniels plans to also interview two other internal candidates (pitching coach Mike Maddux and Triple-A manager Steve Buechele) and prob-

ably four or five others from outside the organization. The hope is to have that hire done before the World Series starts Oct. 21.

"We're going through a process I think is ultimately in everybody's best interest," Daniels said. "As I told Tim, at the end of the day, if he's announced as our full-time manager ... it's going to be with a lot more behind it."

Daniels said Bogar made "the most of an opportunity" in a 22-game stretch in which the young Rangers won four consecutive series and gave the Oakland Athletics fits.

Texas swept a three-game series in Oakland, then took two of the first three games in the

closing weekend series. The A's then won 4-0 on Sunday to finally clinch their third consecutive playoff berth on the last day of the regular season.

Next for Bogar is the formal interview process, knowing that there are more factors than his record over the past three-plus weeks.

"I want this job. I'm going to approach it like I have to win the job," Bogar said. "JD and I have already talked about it. It didn't matter if I went 0-22 or 22-0. It was a lot more about all the other intangibles that go along with this job. He has to be comfortable with someone that he can have a relationship and work at the same level."

Once the manager is in

place, the search will be on for a pitcher to join rehabilitated front-line starters Yu Darvish and Derek Holland. Daniels said, though, he doesn't expect "to play at the top end of free agency" to add pitching.

Veteran right-hander Colby Lewis could return, but Martin Perez next spring will still be recovering from elbow surgery and Matt Harrison's future is questionable after spinal fusion surgery this summer.

The two big moves last offseason could be the significant additions again next spring. Prince Fielder and Shin-Soo Choo had season-ending injuries their first year in Texas, where both are signed through 2020.



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Home again ...

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers will put a three-game road swing to bed this afternoon when they make just their fourth appearance of the 2014 season at home. The Lady Steers are scheduled to face off against Lubbock Estacado beginning at 5 p.m. with the freshman and junior varsity games. The BSHS varsity will start at 6 p.m.

Lady Steers take consolation honors

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers' seventh grade volleyball team captured consolation honors in the B tournament held this weekend.

Big Spring lost its first game to Hawley, 25-14, 25-22, but rallied to win the Consolation honors with a 25-18, 25-7, 25-18 win over Monahans.

Brooklyn Durham scored 11 points in a row with superior serves, and Madison Kuykendall sealed the win with strong serves as well.

The BSJHS defensive players of the game were Sophia Dominguez, Obri Guzman and Kayleigh

Rodriguez, who added a critical dig which changed the momentum of the game.

In 8th grade action, Christian Rodriguez, Kailey Mathews, Keila Yanez, and Mikayla Castillo played well throughout the entire tournament.

"We would like to thank the players, parents, teachers, administration and fans for a great tournament," said BSJHS coach Tabitha Barbee. "Many visitors, including the referees from other towns, commended the Lady Steers on their behavior and hospitality."

SECC golf tournament scheduled for Oct. 10

The TDCJ Wallace/Ware complex employees will hold their 12th annual State Employee Charitable Campaign golf tournament on Friday, Oct. 10 at Wolf Creek Golf Links in Colorado City. Registration begins at 8

a.m., with a shotgun start planned for 9 a.m. Cost is \$60 per person, which includes green fee, cart, lunch and two Mulligans

For more information, contact Kristina Guerra at 325-728-2162 or Amy Rodriguez at 325-242-1321.



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Non-district finale ...

Coahoma's Julia Castilaw tips a ball into the air during a recent outing by the Bulldogettes. Coahoma closes out its non-district schedule tonight in San Angelo against TLC.

Charles sends Chiefs to 41-14 rout of Patriots

(AP) — It made sense that Andy Reid spoke in baseball metaphors after Kansas City whipped the New England Patriots on Monday night, with the Royals poised to end a long playoff drought just across the parking lot from Arrowhead Stadium.

He may have stretched things a bit when it came to Jamaal Charles, though.

"It's a heck of a thing to bring 25 off the bench as a relief pitcher," Reid said. "That's a pretty good player. To add him back to the mix is something."

Relief pitcher? How about staff ace.

Charles returned from an ankle injury to score three touchdowns, Tom Brady was picked off twice by the opportunistic Chiefs, and Kansas City routed New England 41-14 to hand Bill Belichick one of his worst losses as coach of the Patriots.

Charles, who missed last week's win in Miami with a sprained ankle, ran for 92 yards and a score. The Pro Bowl running back also caught

two short touchdown passes from Alex Smith, who had 248 yards passing and three touchdowns in a sharp performance before a raucous crowd.

"Coach said he was going to look for me, and see how it feels during the game," Charles said, "and I guess I started feeling like myself. He didn't want to take me out."

The Chiefs (2-2) ended a four-game skid at Arrowhead Stadium dating to last season by making things miserable on Brady, who had one of his two picks returned for a touchdown.

Brady also was stripped of 23 for 159 yards and a touchdown.

"It was just a bad performance by everybody," Brady said. "We need to make sure we never have this feeling again. We've got to figure out what we have to do better."

With the game out of hand, the Patriots gave rookie quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo a chance to play. He threw a late touchdown pass to Rob Gronkowski to complete the scoring.

Raiders fire Dennis Allen after 0-4 start

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Dennis Allen arrived in Oakland as the fresh-faced, defensive mastermind who was supposed to be completely different than the parade of coaches during late owner Al Davis' final years running the Raiders.

Allen leaves Oakland after less than three seasons just like those others, having failed to turn around the downtrodden franchise.

The Raiders fired Allen on Monday night after he lost the first four games of his third year as coach and often failed to field a competitive team.

The decision was announced soon after the Raiders returned from London, where they lost their 10th straight game dating to last season, 34-14 to the Miami Dolphins on Sunday. The firing was first reported by Fox Sports.

Allen was the first head coach hired by Oakland after Al Davis' death on

October 2011. His 8-28 record is the worst for the franchise since before Davis arrived in 1963. His contract was set to run through next season.

An announcement on the interim coach will come Tuesday, with offensive line coach Tony Sparano and offensive coordinator Greg Olson the most likely options.

Allen is the third coach fired during the season by Oakland since Davis arrived. Mike Shanahan was fired after four games in 1989 and Lane Kiffin was let go four games into the 2008 season.

The Raiders have had 11 straight seasons without a winning record or a playoff berth. Oakland will now have its eighth coach since 2003.

Allen and general manager Reggie McKenzie were hired after the team finished 8-8 under coach Hue Jackson in 2011, falling one game short of a playoff bid.

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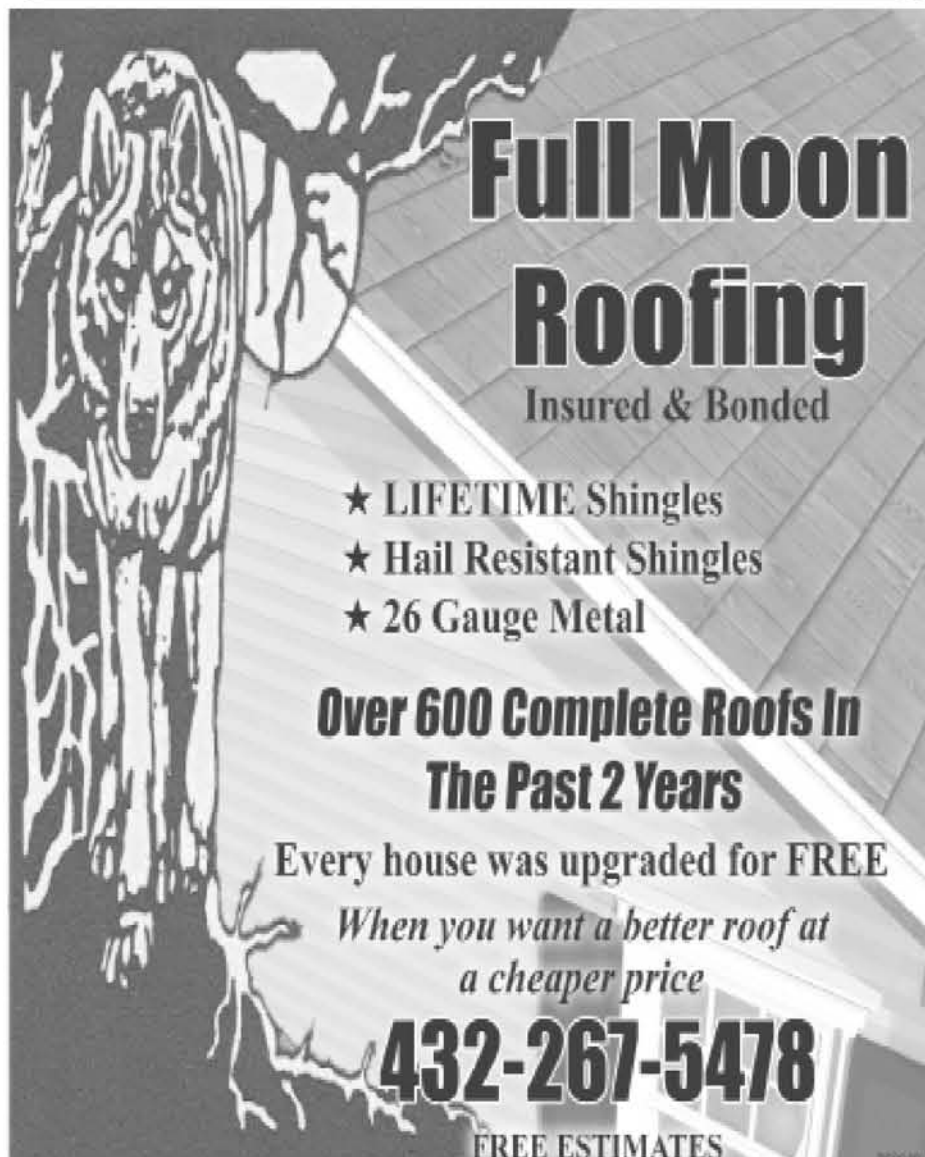
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION DISTRICT 08 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 26, 2014 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Oct 31, 2014 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit, P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US Rule 37/38 Case No. 0291449 Status/Permit No. 791058 NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BLUESTEM ENERGY HOLDINGS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 076862] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 2, Bk. 35 T4S, T&P RR CO/PRESTON, P A Survey, A-1043, GARDEN CITY, NW (STRAiN) and SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Fields, GLASSCOCK County, being 7 miles W direction from GARDEN CITY, Texas. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing

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The City of Coahoma will receive bids for its TDHCA HOME Program Grant until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at the City of Coahoma, 122 N. First Street, Coahoma, TX 79511, to complete the reconstruction of up to ten (10) single family units at 1104 square feet each. Bids will be opened, October 14, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. All bidders must submit completed pre-qualification forms on or before the bid due date. Contact Caley Carmichael at (512) 420-0303 ext. 306 for a pre-qualification packet and bid documents including drawings and technical specifications. Selected Builder will have 45 days from start date to complete construction. A pre-bid conference will be held on Friday, October 3, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Coahoma City Hall. Please contact Donna M. Johnson, at (361) 287-3341 if you need more information. The Contractor must ensure that employees/applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The City of Eagle Lake reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The City may hold bids for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to contract award. Contract awards will be made to lowest responsible qualified bidder(s).
#8454 September 18 & September 30, 2014

Public Notice

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MAYLAYA DA'NAE WOODRUFF
Notice is hereby given that Krystal Dyanne Herrera Woodruff has filed a Combined Application for Independent Administration and Heirship in Cause No. P-14341, on September 22, 2014, which is currently pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas. All known heirs have been served and have waived further notice of any hearing. In accordance with Section 202.052 of the Texas Estates Code, any and all unknown heirs of Mahlaya Da'nae Woodruff if over the age of 12 (or the parent, managing conservator, or guardian of any heir under the age of 12) are hereby instructed to appear before the County Court of Howard County to provide evidence of heirship and to contest the application, should they desire to do so. Such heirs may employ an attorney. If the heir(s) or their attorney(s) do not appear, they will be represented at the heirship and administration hearing by an attorney ad litem.
The County of Howard County has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in regards to the Estate of Mahlaya Da'nae Woodruff, Deceased, which will be bining on all heirs, known and unknown.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Howard County, Texas, this 26th day of September, 2014.
Donna Wright, County Clerk Howard County, Texas
By: Donna Wright
#8471 September 30, 2014

Legals

STATE OF TEXAS TO Tonya Menzies, and to all whom it may concern:
Respondent:
"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Dalton Menzies, Petitioner, was filed in the Court of Howard County Texas, on the 29 day of August, 2014, against Tonya Menzies, Respondent, and entitled 'In the Matter of Marriage of Dalton Menzies and Tonya Menzies. The suit requests that the marriage be annulled.'
The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree annulling the marriage and providing for the division of property, if any, that will be binding on you.
'Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Howard, Texas, this the 30 day of September, 2014.'
Clerk of the 118th Judicial Court of Howard County, Texas.
#8474 September 30, 2014

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Sagittarius Moon Calls for Tolerance
The Sagittarius moon makes a request for tolerance. So many of the world's problems would be solved if we could learn to accept one another and ourselves. "What is tolerance? It is the



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consequence of humanity. We are all formed of frailty and error; let us pardon reciprocally each other's folly -- that is the first law of nature." -- Voltaire

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Create your own safety zone. Keep a certain distance from those who seem rushed, agitated or needier than you are prepared to handle. You can't argue with insanity, so don't bother trying.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You like to surround yourself with talented people, but beware of the self-centered ones. The absence of anyone who is only concerned with self-benefit is the real benefit.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you could do whatever you wanted to do perfectly every time, you'd be very bored. Mistakes are part of the learning curve and will provide much enjoyment after the fact.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Too many people want to speak and not enough of them will be actively listening to all that's going on. The true message will be conveyed through body language.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Good managers work harder than the employees they are in charge of, setting an example in this regard. It's like what you have to do today to get your troops moving in a productive direction.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Tears are agents of healing. Even so, sometimes you'd rather not go through the

emotional process and instead strive to create an environment that supports your happiness.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Set your target higher, and you'll be forced to come up with very creative ideas about how to achieve it. You have a talent for working backward from the solution.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The point isn't to find a better situation. The point is to be someone better, and the situation will change because of that. One small change will make a huge difference.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are those on your team who still have no idea how to be team players. You'll be the one to diplomatically point out when others are figuratively hogging the ball.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You treat everyone as your equal and behave in more or less the same manner with every person you meet -- no airs. Sometimes this means pressing the mute button on your self-expression and letting the others shine.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Every time you gain a rung on the ladder of success or fame you risk becoming selfish and out of touch with the rest of humanity. It's good to have a grounded earth sign around to keep you in check.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Distractions abound, but resist the urge to wander. "Consider the postage stamp: Its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing till it gets there." -- Josh Billings
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 30). Not only will you stand out in the crowd, but you'll stand in front of it. Leading earns you respect and money. It's also part of the reason your relationships are so satisfying. The past comes back to roost in November, and you'll resolve something, too. January begins a new project that won't be finished until July. Virgo and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers

are: 3, 22, 4, 30 and 15.
ASTROLOGY 101: WHAT IS VIRGO LIKE?
Virgos are the problem solvers of the world. This sign has the patience, analytical ability and mental tenacity to sort out the obstacles that would stop other people. Virgos take the necessary time to find the solutions. When most people would be throwing up their hands in defeat, Virgo is just getting started. They are the great improvers of the zodiac, always thinking of ways to make things better. Some would say that Virgo is critical, though the criticisms they offer are usually intended to be constructive. In an effort to be helpful, they point out the details that others don't see. This sign has a reputation for being freakishly neat and tidy. Indeed, many an organization gives credit to a Virgo for keeping the group on point and moving forward in a logical and efficient way. They are often leaders who demonstrate their leadership by leading themselves with integrity and discipline. The area of health, fitness and nutrition is one where Virgos shine. They have a natural affinity for living things and find it easy to nurture growth in others. Many Virgos have a green thumb, as well!
CELEBRITY PROFILES: From Mary Poppins to Maria von Trapp and beyond, lovely Libra Julie Andrews doesn't just play roles; she creates iconic and beloved characters. Though she rarely plays the villain, her moon, Mercury and Jupiter all in Scorpio is a sign of the emotional depth and soulfulness that are no doubt helpful in portraying too-good-to-be-true characters realistically.
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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Phil" for 15 years. Between the two of us, we have eight children. Our youngest is still in school. The problem is, I'm not happy anymore. I've made mistakes, stupid ones, including flirting with other men. Phil isn't completely innocent, either, but he claims if I weren't talking to these other men, he wouldn't have approached other women.
My oldest daughter takes Phil's side and says I ruined the family. I don't think he should have been running to her to complain when she was only 16. She's since moved out, and he's now telling our next oldest daughter, who is 14, about our problems. I think this is sick and immature.
Phil recently told me he was giving me the "opportunity" to leave, although I don't need his permission. I'm staying because I refuse to abandon my children. I've admitted my wrongdoings. I've also made it clear that I'm staying only for the kids and don't love Phil anymore. I suspect neither one of us could survive on our own.
I'm tired of playing "happy family," living with an obsessive man who refuses to understand that I'm not the sole cause of our problems. It's both of us. I'm not looking for another relationship. I'm looking for some peace. Any suggestions? -- Miserable and Stuck
Dear Miserable: Yes. Get counseling with or without Phil and find out how to

cope with the situation. Married couples who are obviously miserable and sniping at each other but insist on staying together for the sake of the children are not providing the loving, stable environment that children need. And Phil should absolutely not be confiding in your teenage daughters about your marital difficulties. It's manipulative and inappropriate. Shame on him.
Dear Annie: This is for my in-laws, who wonder why we don't have joint parties with both sides of the family:
When your son and I married, I had the crazy notion that our families could get together with the expectation that everyone would get along and behave civilly. Apparently, you didn't share that idea. I remember the snide comments, the ridicule about my family and the hurtful jokes made regarding our nationality. You couldn't even be in the same room without saying something disrespectful.
I tried for 10 years, and then I said never again. For the past 20 years, we've alternated holidays, and we've seen your family dwindle. This Thanksgiving, it's my family's turn and your kids won't be around. Enjoy spending the holidays by yourself. -- Had It
Dear Had It: Have you or your husband told your in-laws that the reason you no longer include them with your family is because they behave so disrespectfully?

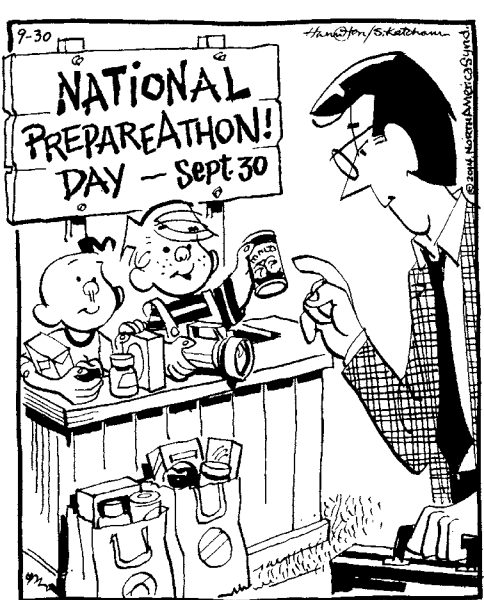
We can't guarantee that it would make any difference, but sometimes, given the opportunity and the understanding, people can learn to change their behavior -- especially if the alternative is so lonely.
Dear Annie: I have a suggestion for "Mom," whose daughter's new college roommate wants her boyfriend to spend the night. The daughter should invite everyone on the floor to her dorm room for a popcorn party and make sure the roommate also helps make the popcorn. She can do this any night the boyfriend plans to sleep over.
If she is having trouble finding enough friends to come over, she could take photos all over campus and invite people to come by to see them. Or ask other students about the best places to hang out or which classes to take. These things will help her make friends and also keep the dorm room too crowded for canoodling. -- Did It Myself
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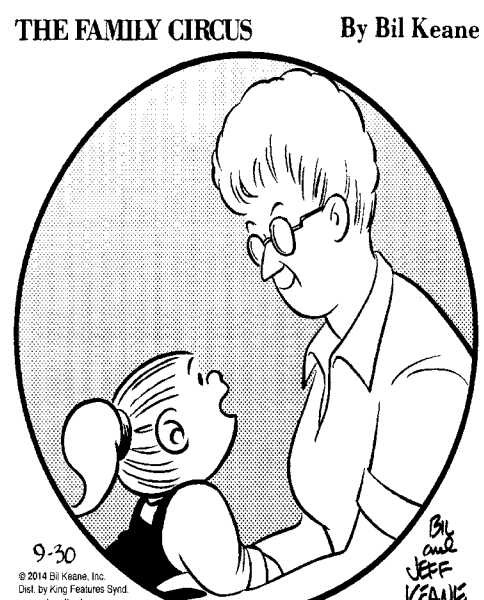
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"No LEMONADE TODAY, DAD, BUT HOW 'BOUT A FLASHLIGHT AND SOME TOMATO SOUP?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I'm really good at missing you when you're not around, Grandma."

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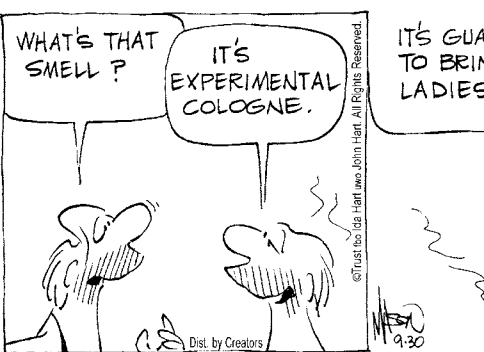
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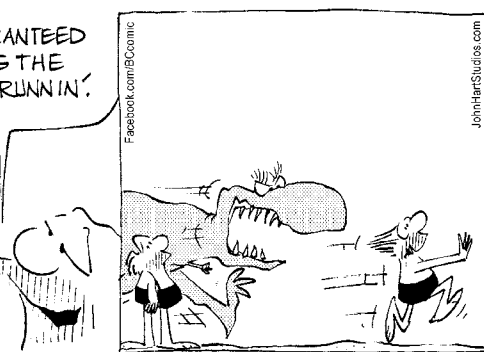
I NEED ONE MORE HOUR OF SLEEP... IF I CAN GET 5 MORE MINUTES RIGHT NOW...

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WHAT'S THAT SMELL? IT'S EXPERIMENTAL COLOGNE.

WIZARD OF ID



WIZARD! WE'RE IN DIRE NEED OF YOUR SORCERY

AGNES



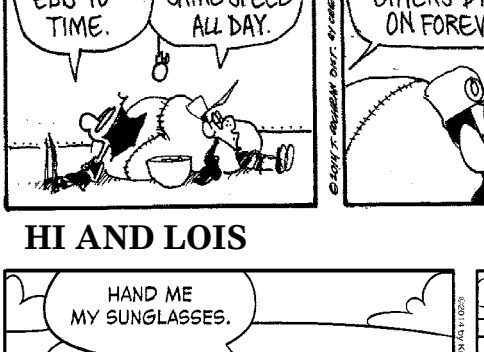
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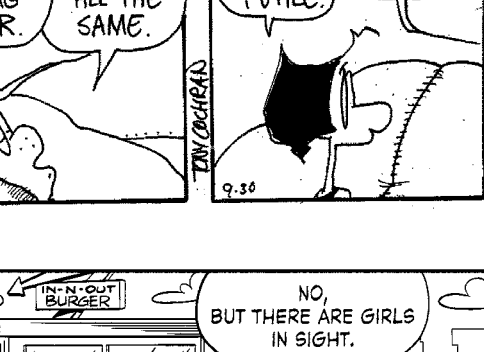
HAND ME MY SUNGLASSES.

THE OTHER COAST



I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR DINNER, SAKURA.

SNUFFY SMITH



TH' NEW GIRL IN SCHOOL SHORE IS PURTY, JUGHAID !!

BETLE BAILEY



TYPICAL BETLE, HE RAKES THE LEAVES, BUT LEAVES THE PILE!

NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Lets fall
6 Lather
10 Papa's partner
14 Rush toward
15 Nursery school, for short
16 Historic times
17 Sporting venue
18 Competent
19 Perfume ingredient
20 Written documentation
22 Woodwind instrument
23 Stately shade tree
24 Adolescent
25 Gofer's task
27 Ages and ages
28 Remain
29 Inman creator
32 Immaculate
36 Earl Grey and pekoe
37 Moan and ___
39 Summit
40 Before you know it
42 Pig's nose
43 Theater production
44 Destiny
46 Frittered away
49 Grand party
50 Knock lightly
53 60 minutes
54 What a deceiver will lead you down
57 Cleveland's lake
58 ___ vera (skin soother)
59 Disney elephant
60 Suffix for kitchen

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, September 30, the 273rd day of 2014. There are 92 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On September 30, 1954, the first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, was commissioned by the U.S. Navy. On this date: In 1399, England's King Richard II was deposed by Parliament; he was succeeded by his cousin, Henry of Bolingbroke, who was crowned as King Henry IV.

In 1777, the Continental Congress - forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces - moved to York, Pennsylvania. In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria. In 1846, Boston dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time as he extracted an ulcerated tooth from merchant Eben Frost. In 1938, after co-signing the Munich Agreement allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain said, "I believe it is peace for our time."

In 1939, the first college football game to be televised was shown on experimental station W2XBS in New York as Fordham University defeated Waynesburg College, 34-7. In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end. In 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, California.

Answer to previous puzzle

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LEDGE	ERAS	
	SELF	TEPEES
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ALTO	REEL	SICEM
PLEDGE	TROT	
	OATS	EDITS
BYALL	MEANS	VAITS
RULED	ABEE	EBAY
ALONE	CLAN	LOAN
GETON	HERD	YORE

OUT FOR A WALK by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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61 Island near Oahu
62 "That is to say..."
63 Most recent inquiry
64 Channel for NBA games
65 Spiteful

DOWN
1 Hang loosely
2 From farm country
3 Early afternoon hr.
4 Window glass
5 Begin, as a project
6 Extra tires
7 From the city
8 Sandwich shop
9 Anatomy class model

10 Nostalgic place
11 Island near Venezuela
12 Bricklayer
13 Made an inquiry
21 Lowest royal-flush card
26 Mouse's relative
27 Financial security, so to speak
28 Hot tub
29 Off-road wheels, for short
30 Poor grade
31 Scratch or dent
32 Dad's boy
33 Environmental prefix
34 Dallas sch.
35 Full collection

37 "You played well!"
38 Use oars
41 "Steady as ___ goes"
42 Substitute (for)
44 Appear gradually, on film
45 Pub pint
46 One of four on a car
47 Major artery
48 Clubs and spades
49 Sort into categories
50 Domesticates
51 Facing the pitcher
52 Counterfeit
55 "How sad!"
56 Mountain lion

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Strong accepts Texas is underdog against Baylor

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — In his first season in the Big 12, Texas coach Charlie Strong seems to have accepted his role as underdog this week against No. 7 Baylor.

"I don't have a choice," Strong said with a laugh on Monday. "We're a (two-touchdown) underdog right now."

Some of his players, however, don't want to hear it.

"They're still Baylor," Longhorns wide receiver John Harris said. "Just because they started playing better, that's good for them. We're still Texas."

Not exactly. The burnt-

orange helmet logos are the same but a lot has changed.

The Bears (4-0, 1-0) are the defending Big 12 champions, a crown earned by beating Texas (2-2, 1-0) in freezing cold on the final weekend of the 2013 regular season. Texas hasn't won the Big 12 since 2009, a drought that was a big reason why Mack Brown isn't the Longhorns coach anymore.

Since beating then-No. 1 Kansas State in 2012, the Bears are 19-2 and currently have the top-scoring offense in the country behind quarterback Bryce Petty and a receiving corps that is burning

up secondaries. If they beat Texas again, the Bears will have won four of five against Texas. In a rivalry that dates to 1901, the only similar run of success for Baylor came from 1988-92.

While the players and fans certainly haven't accepted that Baylor has surpassed the Longhorns, Strong clearly recognizes that the rivalry has flipped and he is the one trying to catch up.

"We're going to have to play above our heads," Strong said. "They (Baylor) deserve every bit of it. If you watch their team, it's amazing to see

how it's developed over the last three or four years."

Baylor represents a huge chance for Strong to make his mark on Texas. He took over a program that despite being loaded with blue chip recruits didn't have a player drafted by the NFL last season. Strong hasn't been afraid to take some of his best talent off the field, dismissing nine players so far because of rules violations or legal problems.

Strong suggested that two suspended potential starters, offensive tackle Desmond Harrison and wide receiver Daje Johnson, could return

this week. Strong didn't say they would, but conceded he would meet with the players.

The Longhorns are coming off a 23-0 shutout over Kansas, which snapped a two-game losing streak. It was Texas' first road shutout since beating Baylor 62-0 in 2005, when the Longhorns won the national championship.

Strong also warned his team that things could get out of hand quickly against Baylor if the Longhorns come out as flat as they did in a 41-7 home loss to BYU. Saturday will be the first home game since that loss.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

MLB Playoffs

WILD CARD

Tuesday, Sept. 30: Seattle or Oakland at Kansas City, 8:07 p.m. (TBS)
Wednesday, Oct. 1: San Francisco (Bumgarner 18-10) at Pittsburgh (Lozquez 13-7), 8:07 p.m. (ESPN)

DIVISION SERIES (Best-of-5)

American League

Los Angeles vs. wild card
Thursday, Oct. 2: wild card at Los Angeles
Friday, Oct. 3: wild card at Los Angeles
Sunday, Oct. 5: Los Angeles at wild card
x-Monday, Oct. 6: Los Angeles at wild card
x-Wednesday, Oct. 8: wild card at Los Angeles

Baltimore vs. Detroit

Thursday, Oct. 2: Detroit at Baltimore
Friday, Oct. 3: Detroit at Baltimore
Sunday, Oct. 5: Baltimore at Detroit
x-Monday, Oct. 6: Baltimore at Detroit
x-Wednesday, Oct. 8: Detroit at Baltimore

National League

Washington vs. San Francisco-Pittsburgh winner

Friday, Oct. 3: San Francisco-Pittsburgh winner at Washington (FS1)
Saturday, Oct. 4: San Francisco-Pittsburgh winner at Washington (FS1 or MLBN)
Monday, Oct. 6: Washington at San Francisco-Pittsburgh winner (FS1 or MLBN)
x-Tuesday, Oct. 7: Washington at San Francisco-Pittsburgh winner (FS1)
x-Thursday, Oct. 9: San Francisco-Pittsburgh winner at Washington (FS1)

Los Angeles vs. St. Louis
Friday, Oct. 3: St. Louis at Los Angeles (FS1)
Saturday, Oct. 4: St. Louis at Los Angeles (FS1 or MLBN)
Monday, Oct. 6: Los Angeles at St. Louis (FS1 or MLBN)
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x-Thursday Oct. 9: St. Louis at Los Angeles (FS1)
x-if necessary

FOOTBALL

National Football League

American Conference

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Buffalo	2	2	.500	79	75
Miami	2	2	.500	96	97
New England	2	2	.500	80	90

N.Y. Jets 1 3 .250 79 96

South

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Houston	3	1	.750	87	67
Indianapolis	2	2	.500	136	95
Tennessee	1	3	.250	60	110
Jacksonville	0	4	.000	58	152

North

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Cincinnati	3	0	1.000	80	33
Baltimore	3	1	.750	103	60
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500	97	99
Cleveland	1	2	.333	74	77

West

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
San Diego	3	1	.750	102	63
Denver	2	1	.667	75	67
Kansas City	2	2	.500	102	79
Oakland	0	4	.000	51	103

National Conference

East

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Philadelphia	3	1	.750	122	104
Dallas	3	1	.750	115	86
N.Y. Giants	2	2	.500	103	91
Washington	1	3	.250	95	109

South

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Atlanta	2	2	.500	131	113
Carolina	2	2	.500	73	96
New Orleans	1	3	.250	95	110
Tampa Bay	1	3	.250	72	119

North

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Detroit	3	1	.750	85	62
Green Bay	2	2	.500	92	96
Minnesota	2	2	.500	91	84
Chicago	2	2	.500	92	100

West

W	L	Pct	PF	PA	
Arizona	3	0	1.000	66	45
Seattle	2	1	.667	83	66
San Fran.	2	2	.500	88	89
St. Louis	1	2	.333	56	85

Monday's Game

Kansas City 41, New England 14

Thursday, Oct. 2

Minnesota at Green Bay, 8:25 p.m.
Cleveland at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Carolina, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.

Atlanta at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.

Arizona at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at New England, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 6

Seattle at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

p.m.

Canadian Football League

East Division

W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
Hamilton	5	7	10	262	272
Montreal	5	8	10	245	313
Toronto	4	8	8	308	325
Ottawa	1	11	2	180	308

West Division

W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
Calgary	11	2	22	361	239
Edmonton	9	4	18	341	252
Saskatchewan	9	4	18	296	289
B.C.	7	6	14	275	250
Winnipeg	6	7	12	304	324

Friday Games

Winnipeg at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Saskatchewan, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Edmonton at Toronto, 4 p.m.
B.C. at Hamilton, 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled INF Jonathan Herrera and OF/1B Alex Hassan from Pawtucket (IL).

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Recalled OF Jared Mitchell, INF Matt Davidson, LHP Frank De Los Santos and RHPs Erik Johnson, Andre Rienzo and Taylor Thompson from Charlotte (IL); OF Trayce Thompson from Birmingham (SL); and RHP Raul Fernandez from Winston-Salem (Carolina).

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Reinstated 1B Nick Swisher from the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Carlos Moncrief and LHPs Scott Barnes and Nick Maronde from Columbus (IL) and INF Erik Gonzalez from Akron (EL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Named A.J. Hinch manager. Reinstated OF George Springer from the 15-day DL. Recalled

LHPs Rudy Owens and Luis Cruz, OF Domingo Santana and RHPs Alex White, Asher Wojciechowski and Anthony Bass from Oklahoma City (PCL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Reinstated SS Christian Colon from the 15-day DL.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Fired manager Ron Gardenhire. Recalled LHP Kris Johnson, INF Chris Colabello and RHPs Stephen Pryor and Yohan Pino from Rochester (IL); INF Jorge Polanco from Chattanooga (SL); and OF Max Kepler from Fort Myers (FSL).

NEW YORK YANKEES — Assigned LHP Josh Outman outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Recalled OF Ramon Flores, RHP Jose Ramirez and LHP Manny Banuelos from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre; C Gary Sanchez from Trenton (EL); and RHP Jose Campos from Tampa (FSL).

SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled LHPs Anthony Fernandez and Danny Hultzen, RHP Logan Hawcom, INF Ji-Man Choi and OF Julio Morban from Tacoma (PCL). Activated 1B Jesus Montero from the suspended list. Designated OF Corey Hart for assignment.

TAMPABAY RAYS — Recalled LHPs Mike Montgomery and Enny Romero and INFs Vince Belnome, Tim Beckham, Hak-Ju Lee and Cole Figueroa from Durham (IL).

TEXAS RANGERS — Recalled LHP Aaron Poreda and RHPs Matt West, Nate Adcock, Corey Knebel and Ben Rowen from Round Rock (PCL) and LHP Joseph Ortiz and Wilmer Font from Frisco (TL).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Transferred OF Melky Cabrera

and RHP Chad Jenkins to the 60-day DL. Recalled C A.J. Jimenez, RHPs Kyle Drabek and Steve Delabar and LHPs Colt Hynes and Rob Rasmussen from Buffalo (IL).

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Reinstated 1B Paul Goldschmidt from the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Roger Kieschnick and RHPs Charles Brewer, Bo Schultz and Mike Bolsinger from Reno (PCL).

ATLANTA BRAVES — Reinstated RHP Shae Simmons from the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Todd Cunningham and INFs Tyler Pastornicky and Elmer Reyes from Gwinnett (IL). Announced they are moving the Lynchburg (Carolina) club to Zebulon, N.C., renamed it the Carolina Mudcats and signed them to a two-year player development contract.

CHICAGO CUBS — Recalled OF Josh Vitters and RHP Dallas Beeler from Iowa (PCL) and INF Christian Villanueva from Tennessee (SL).

CINCINNATI REDS — Recalled LHP Tony Cingrani, INF Neftali Soto and RHP Curtis Partch from Louisville (IL); OF Juan Duran from Pensacola (SL); LHP Ismael Guillon from Daytona (FSL); and RHP Raisel Iglesias from the AZL Reds.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Recalled RHPs Chris Martin and Chad Bettis from Albuquerque (PCL); LHPs Jayson Aquino and Kraig Sitton from New Britain (EL); and INF Rosell Herrera from Modesto (Cal).

MIAMI MARLINS — Recalled C Rob Brantly, RHP Arquemedes Caminero, INF Derek Dietrich, OF Kyle Jensen and LHPs Grant Dayton, Brian Flynn and Edgar Olmos from New Orleans

(PCL) and RHP Jose Urena from Jacksonville (SL).

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Recalled 1B Hunter Morris and RHPs Michael Blazek, Ariel Pena and Johnny Hellweg from Nashville (PCL) and RHP Brooks Hall from Huntsville (SL).

NEW YORK METS — Recalled RHP Jeff Walters, LHP Scott Rice and OFs Cesar Puello and Andrew Brown from Las Vegas (PCL) and LHP Steven Matz from Binghamton (EL).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Recalled RHPs Ethan Martin, Hector Neris, B.J. Rosenberg, Jonathan Pettibone and Philippe Aumont from Lehigh Valley (IL) and C Tommy Joseph and OFs Kelly Dugan and Aaron Altherr from Reading (EL).

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Reinstated SS Everth Cabrera from the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Juan Pablo Oramas, INF Jace Peterson, OFs Yeison Asencio and Raymond Fuentes and RHPs Burch Smith, Keyvius Sampson and Donn Roach from El Paso (PCL).

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

ATLANTA HAWKS — Signed G-F Jarell Eddie and C Dexter Pittman.

BOSTON CELTICS — Signed G-F Evan Turner. Released G John Lucas III and F Malcolm Thomas.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Named Sam Cassell, Lawrence Frank and Mike Woodson assistant coaches.

PHOENIX SUNS — Signed Fs Markief and Marcus Morris to four-year contract extensions; and G Zoran Dragic to a two-year contract.

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